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Dear Governor Palin,

I am writing this letter in support of the University of Alaska request for funding for developing a new Bachelor of Arts in Fisheries program. The development of this program is critical for an industry that needs to continue to develop and build for the future. As a production manager and a person that has been involved in the fishing and seafood processing industry since 1980 I am concerned that there is not enough people that are trained to continue in the business. This program will help prepare our younger generations to understand and work with our resources in the state as well as move the industry forward.

As the largest employer in the state the seafood industry needs to be able to work hand in hand with the University to develop students that will become stewards of the resources as well as champions of the industry.

In closing I am hopeful that you will support the funding needed by the university as it will return many fold the investment that we make in our future.

Sincerely,

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